



RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicants: Masahiro SANO et al

For: SURFACE TREATMENT CHEMICALS, FIBER AND PRODUCT  
TREATED WITH THE SURFACE TREATMENT CHEMICALS

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 21, 2001,  
Applicants respectfully request entry of the following  
amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 13.

Please add new Claim 21 as follows.

21. (New) Surface treatment chemicals for forming a  
polymerization reaction product on the surface of a fiber in  
which the improvement is characterized in that said surface  
treatment chemicals comprise chitosan in addition to a  
reaction product of a water-soluble organic substance selected  
from the group consisting of at least one of protein, protein  
derivatives and polysaccharides, having an average molecular  
weight of 100 to 20,000, a polymerization initiator and a  
reactive modifier.